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31. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 30,
wherein:

the guide member comprises fiberglass.

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32. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 30,
wherein:

the guide member comprises carbon fiber.

41. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 40,
wherein:

the chamber is disposed between the inner and outer halves, and

the change in gas pressure results from the application of a predetermined
vacuum to the chamber.

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42. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 41,
wherein:

the vacuum is supplied by an engine.

43. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 41,
wherein:

the vacuum is supplied by a vacuum pump.

44. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 43,
further comprising:

a pressure connector attached to the shaft,

wherein the pressure connector is operatively connected to the chamber.

45. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 40,

wherein:

the chamber is disposed adjacent to either the inner or the outer half, and

the change in gas pressure results from the introduction of a predetermined
pressure to the chamber.

46. (Amended) The continuously variable transmission of claim 45,

further comprising:

a pressure connector attached to the shaft,

wherein the pressure connector is operatively connected to the chamber.